

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I claims 1-13  
for prosecution at this time.

Claims 14-22 of Group II are being filed in a divisional  
application.


An action on the merits is requested.

This election is believed to place this case in condition for  
examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to  
provide an action on the merits.

In the event there are any further issues outstanding, the  
Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney for  
applicant at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

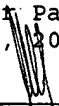
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the accompanying Election is being  
deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class  
mail in an envelope address to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O.  
Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 27, 2003.

Dated: June 27, 2003

  
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